

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****National Defense Panel Meeting**

AGENCY: DoD, National Defense Panel.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice sets for the the schedule and summary agenda for the meeting of the National Defense Panel on May 5 and 6, 1997. In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App. II, (1982)], it has been determined that this National Defense Panel meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public from 0830-1700, May 5 and 6, 1997 in order for the Panel to discuss classified material.

DATES: May 5 and 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Suite 624, 1931 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington VA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Defense Panel was established on January 14, 1997 in accordance with the Military Force Structure Review Act of 1996, Public Law 104-201. The mission of the National Defense Panel is to provide the Secretary of Defense and Congress with an independent, non-partisan assessment of the Secretary's Quadrennial Defense Review and an Alternative Force Structure Analysis. This analysis will explore innovative ways to meet the national security challenges of the twenty-first century.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The National Defense Panel will meet in closed session from 0830-1700 on May 5 and 6, 1997. The meeting will be held at Suite 624, 1931 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. During the closed sessions the Panel will be presented a summary of the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) (to include classified portions of the QDR) and discuss the NDP's response for inclusion into the Secretary of Defense's may 15, 1997 report. The NDP staff will provide presentations that will be used by the panel to formulate recommendations in the areas of the QDR required by the implementing legislation. This notice is late due to the delay in receiving the Secretary of Defense draft report which is due to Congress by May 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact the National Defense Panel at (703) 602-4175/6.

Dated: April 25, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOD.

ACTION: Notice to alter a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary proposes to add a routine use to an existing system of records in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This action will be effective without further notice on June 2, 1997, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the OSD Privacy Act Coordinator, Records Section, Directives and Records Division, Washington Headquarter Services, Correspondence and Directives, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Bosworth at (703) 695-0970 or DSN 225-0970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The complete inventory of Office of the Secretary record system notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed altered system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act was submitted on April 23, 1997, to the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,' dated February 8, 1996, (61 FR 6427, February 20, 1996).

Dated: April 25, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Files (April 11, 1997, 62 FR 17788).

CHANGES:

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Add a new paragraph 'To the Department of Veterans Affairs for use, in conjunction with the Persian Gulf Health Registry, to permit investigative, scientific, medical and other analysis regarding possible causes, symptoms, diagnoses, treatment, and other characteristics pertinent to Gulf War Illnesses.'

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SYSTEM NAME:

Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Department of Defense Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3881; and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Skyline 1, Suite 1135, Falls Church, VA 22041-3802.

Commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, ATTN: MCHB-DE-HR, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5422.

U.S. Army Joint Services Support Group, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 101, Springfield, VA 22150-3197.

Naval Health Research Center, Division of Clinical Epidemiology, 271 Catalina Boulevard, Barracks Building 322, San Diego, CA 92152-5302.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who served in Operation Desert Storm and/or Operation Desert Shield who feel they may have been exposed to biological, chemical, disease, or environmental agents. Those individuals may contact the Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team by dialing 1-800-472-6719 to report experiences of unusual illness or health conditions following service during the Persian Gulf conflict.